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**Subject:** End of Day – May 1, 2019

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### Coverage of Monday's Food Forward awards presentation:

**Waste Today** – [EPA awards California organization Food Recovery Challenge award](#)

**Patch** – [LA Nonprofit Food Forward Empowers Locals To Tackle Food Waste](#)

**MyNewsLA** – [Nonprofit Food Forward Honored by EPA](#)

**Inside EPA** (Suzanne Yohannan) [Received 5/1] – CLOSED – In response to the reporter's query, we sent a link to our April 25 letter to the Navy with our comments on its November draft final *Parcel G Removal Site Evaluation Work Plan* for Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. SFD, NorCal, Bill Glenn

**KJZZ** (Claire Caulfield) [Received 4/23] – OPEN – Reporter looking to determine if fracking occurs in Arizona and in what capacity. Reporter sent links to UIC well numbers. Coordinating with program, will send UIC program materials and get more detailed questions after reporter reviews. WTR, AZ, Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan

**Propublica** (Susie Neilson) [Received 10/12/18] – CLOSED – Contracts expert participated in a call on background to educate reporter on federal contract rules and regulation. Background interview stems from a FOIA request regarding agency awarding Tetra Tech the assessment contract on Navajo for AUMs. SFD, OMS, Navajo Nation, Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan

## WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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### Social Media:

**Asthma Awareness Month** – Posted to our [Twitter](#) page about Asthma Awareness Month and linked to our [Asthma Awareness](#) site.

### Web Updates:

**Clean Water Act Permit** – Published the [Managaha Island Wastewater Treatment Plant, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, MP](#) and related content.

**Underground Injection Control** – Published new documents on our [EPA Oversight of California's Underground Injection Control \(UIC\) Program](#) site.

**Tribes** – Completed routine maintenance on our [Region 9 Regional Tribal Operations Committee](#) site.

**Air Quality Implementation Plans** – Published summaries of the Federal Register notices [Public Notice: Proposed Determination of Attainment; West Central Pinal County, AZ, 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter NAAQS](#) and [Public Notice: Proposed Approval; California SIP Revision; South Coast AQMD; NOx Emissions From On-Road Heavy-Duty Vehicles](#).

#### Online Updates:

**Human Resources** – Published the [Region 9 staffing crosswalk](#) on the [Regional Realignment](#) page.

## CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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**Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA-52):** Brent Maier shared follow-up information provided by Water Division's Doug Eberhardt with Anaïs Borja, MPA, Senior Legislative Assistant in the Office of Congressman Scott H. Peters, who was looking for an accurate statistic about estimated sewage flows from Tijuana into the United States in 2017 and 2018. Brent let Anaïs know that there are no accurate statistics for the amounts of raw sewage crossing the border in the Tijuana River. We let Anaïs know that we were able to provide with information that applies to "spills" which IBWC classifies as coming from broken pipes. It does not include raw sewage that overflows from an intact sewer, which happens frequently in Tijuana during rain events. For the 2017 spill from the break of the Oriente Collector, the IBWC reported 143 million gallons in their spill report ([https://www.ibwc.gov/Files/Report\\_Trans\\_Bypass\\_Flows\\_Tijuana\\_033117.pdf](https://www.ibwc.gov/Files/Report_Trans_Bypass_Flows_Tijuana_033117.pdf)). This number is based on a likely-inaccurate estimate of the date that discharge from the break began, provided by CESPT, of February 1, 2017. The estimate we provided was in response to a congressional inquiry, which preceded the IBWC's "official" estimate. It is based on written reports from CESPT, satellite imagery, and deficiencies of influent flows at the ITP. There is no way of knowing for certain what the exact volume of the spill is from this collector, but 143-250 million gallons seems like a decent range. For the December 2018 spill from the collapsed Poniente Collector, things are even more complicated. The spill from the broken Poniente Collector itself lasted for about 2 months, and flows varied from 7 mgd to 4.4 mgd. However, for much of that two-month period, the diversion system was operating and diverting most of the river flows. IBWC has not estimated the total duration of the transboundary flow. They said that they can request from CILA estimates of the total spill volume and then try to estimate the amount of transboundary flows based on river gage records, but this would likely take a couple weeks. The following link shows spills reported by IBWC. Unfortunately, it doesn't include the 2018 break in Poniente.

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water\\_issues/programs/tijuana\\_river\\_valley\\_strategy/spill\\_report.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/tijuana_river_valley_strategy/spill_report.html). (S. CA – WTR)

**Rep. Nanette Barragan (D-CA-44):** Brent Maier received a follow-up question from Francisco Carrillo, District Director in Congresswoman Barragan's District Office, regarding the recently announced WIIN funding being provided to states, tribes, and island territories and whether counties and school districts were eligible to apply. Brent responded to Francisco to share with him the WIIN website link and directed him to the FAQs, which explain who is eligible to apply for funds. <https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/wiin-grant-lead-testing-school-and-child-care-program-drinking-water> Eligibility to apply for and receive funds under the grant program is limited to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Brent let Francisco know that counties and school districts would not be eligible to apply directly, but should consider reaching out to their respective states to let them know the needs in their communities for the funds directed to the States. (S. CA – WTR)

**Congressional Outreach to American Samoa on WIIN Funding to Improve Drinking Water for Schools and Small and Disadvantaged Communities:** Brent Maier shared today's press regional press release with Congressional staff for the Office of American Samoa Del. Aumua Amata Radewagen announcing the availability of \$154,000 in funding to improve drinking water for schools and small and disadvantaged communities in American Samoa.

**Tomorrow - Thursday, May 2, 2019: EPA Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC):** EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee will hold a May 2-3 meeting at its DC headquarters "on issues pertaining to water and water infrastructure issues; Waters of the U.S., emerging contaminants; superfund and brownfields; risk communication and other issues in EPA's Strategic Plan."

**Tomorrow - Thursday, May 2, 2019 – EPA HQ Meeting with West Basin Municipal Water District of Los Angeles:** Expected participants include Board of Directors Members: Scott Houston, President; Gloria Gray, Board Director (Chair of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California); Carol Kwan, Board Director; and Patrick Sheilds, General Manager. Purpose of meeting is to discuss EPA's Water Reuse Action Plan. The District officials are interested in receiving further information on the goals and status of EPA's Water Reuse Action Plan – and how West Basin can be a part of this undertaking. Background: West Basin provides drinking water to nearly one million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas in LA. It also produces and provides recycled water to more than 350 industrial, commercial, and public facilities. West Basin is a longtime industry leader in the recycled water category. West Basin's Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility, which was constructed in the 1990's, has been a model for recycling projects across the world. The District's recycled water program operates across four facilities located in El Segundo, Carson and Torrance with more than 120 miles of recycled water pipelines. The District produces 40 million gallons of recycled water each day to more than 200 sites throughout its 185-square-mile service area. In 2018, West Basin achieved the milestone of producing more than 200 billion gallons of recycled water. OCIR Contact: Arnita Hannon

**Upcoming Congressional Meetings/Calls, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:**

**Friday, May 3, 2019 - House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:** Will hold a field hearing on "How the Domestic Nuclear Industry Boosts Local Economies, Curbs Emissions, and Strengthens National Security." [More Information.](#)

**Friday, May 3, 2019 – Briefing for Congressional Offices for Hunters Point Update:** At the request of Superfund's Yolanda Sanchez, Brent Maier has reached out to staff in the offices of Speaker Pelosi and Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris with an invite for their offices to an upcoming conference call update for the Hunters Point Superfund Site to provide them with an update on EPA's ongoing oversight role. The proposed day and time for the call is Friday, May 3, 2019, at 1:00pm PT (4:00pm ET). Expected Superfund participants for this update call include Enrique Manzanilla, Angeles Herrera, John Chesnutt, Lily Lee, David Yogi, Yolanda Sanchez, Chris Hage and Brent Maier. To date, Robert Edmonson and Miguel Guerrero in Speaker Nancy Pelosi's San Francisco Office; Abigail Ellis in Sen. Dianne Feinstein's office; and Daniel Chen and Adam Mehis in Sen. Kamala Harris' office have confirmed their participation. (N. CA – SFD)

**Friday, May 3, 2019 – EPA HQ Meeting with Placer County Supervisors:** Supervisors Robert Weygandt and Kirk Uhler and County staff will provide an update on the Placer County Conservation Plan (PCCP) to EPA HQ participants. Background: The County has completed preparation of the public review draft PCCP, including the Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan, County Aquatic Resources Program, Western Placer County In Lieu Fee Program, and the public review draft EIR/EIS, and submitted documents to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service on November 8, 2018 for listing in the Federal Register and concurrent local public review. OCIR Contact: Arnita Hannon

**Thursday, May 9, 2019 – EPA HQ Meeting with Stockton, CA Local Officials:** Participants include Vice Mayor Dan Wright, Stockton, CA; and Council member Jesus Andrade. Purpose of meeting is to explore potential WIFIA support. OCIR Contact: Arnita Hannon

**Tuesday, May 14, 2019 – EPA HQ Meeting with Hesperia, CA Local Officials:** Participants include Mayor Larry Bird; Council Member Rebekah Swanson; City Manager Nils Bentsen; and Management Analyst Julie Ryan. Purpose of the meeting is to discuss City's priority sewage Issues and funding to support the City's septic to sewer" water infrastructure project. Background: The city continues to seek funding for the project as part of addressing major sewage issues. The project will expand sewer services to a disadvantaged area, while supporting continued economic development and expansion. Projected Cost: \$19.7 million as of 2018. OCIR Contact: Arnita Hannon

**Thursday, May 23, 2019 - EPA WIFIA Workshop in Phoenix:** EPA is holding three WIFIA information sessions in May. EPA recently opened the third WIFIA funding round and is offering approximately \$6 billion in credit that could finance more than \$12 billion in water infrastructure projects. Prospective borrowers seeking WIFIA credit assistance must submit a letter of interest by **July 5, 2019**. Learn more in this year's Notice of Funding Availability. At the one day information sessions, attendees learn about the program's current status, eligibility and statutory requirements, application process, and financial benefits and flexibilities. Attendees for the Atlanta session have the opportunity to schedule an optional 30 minute individual meeting with WIFIA to discuss their project and ask more specific questions. Dates and locations include: May 8, Atlanta, GA; May 13, Washington, DC; and **May 23, Phoenix, AZ**.

**Wednesday, May 29, 2019 - Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA-11):** Brent Maier will be representing Region 9 at an upcoming Congressional Grant Workshop hosted by Congressman Mark DeSaulnier to provide city and county governments, nonprofit organizations, and small businesses with the information and resources they need to help them be successful in the grant-seeking process. The workshop will be held at John F. Kennedy University, located at 100 Ellinwood Way in Pleasant Hill, from 9:00am – 12:30pm on Wednesday, May 29, 2019. (N. CA – ORA)

**Thursday, May 30, 2019 - Congresswoman Grace Napolitano (D-CA-32):** Meeting confirmed to discuss San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites including Puente Valley OU-4 with Congresswoman Grace Napolitano. Superfund's Ray Chavira, Dana Barton and Viola Cooper are set to brief the Congresswoman on May 30, 2019, to discuss Community Involvement and progress on Regional Groundwater Cleanup.